

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Local Government Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Environmental Protection Agency

2. Fiscal Year

2019

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Local Government Advisory Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

117

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

12/08/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

12/08/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

AGEN

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

AGEN

13. Effective Date

10/30/1992

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
[Small Community Advisory Subcommittee] The SCAS is proposing to meet mid-October by teleconference and a face to face meeting in Washington, DC in early November to discuss environmental and public health issues effecting small communities.	10/25/2018	10/25/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)

0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The LGAC puts forth letters of advice and recommendations for EPA in carrying out Agency programs. Members serve as primary advisors for the EPA on environmental issues affecting local governments. Policy recommendations are made to inform EPA on such important issues as: water infrastructure, drinking water, small communities, regulatory issues, integrated planning, coastal adaptation and resiliency, sustainable communities, environmental financing, solid waste, brownfields, federalism, ozone standards, and watershed issues. The LGAC's work has been and will continue to be organized to support EPA's priorities and program-related goals and cross-cutting actions. Members' advice and recommendations are critical to EPA's efforts to encourage intergovernmental partnership in protecting the environment and public health. In FY2018, the LGAC did not have any public meetings. EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations undertook an extensive membership process aimed at solicitation and recruitment of new LGAC Members. There was also a restructuring of LGAC committee structure and workgroups. Workgroups have been actively meeting, and the full committee did hold three (3) Administrative meetings as informational meetings and for the purpose of providing new members with committee information and orienting them to committee procedures.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the LGAC is composed of 30 elected and appointed local government, state and tribal officials representing a range of population sizes in all EPA regions. Local officials represent various types of governments (municipal, county, town, etc.). State officials represent legislative and environmental regulatory functions. Tribal officials represent tribally elected and appointed officials.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The LGAC generally meets 2-3 times a year via teleconference and face to face meetings. The meeting agenda are consistent with the Administrator's priorities. The meetings are often held in coordination with EPA Regional offices in the EPA Regional cities so the Committee can interact with Regional officials and feature EPA regional projects and speakers.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

EPA seeks the advice and recommendations from local governments concerning implementation and delivery of EPA's services. This Committee is unique because it

brings together perspectives from different types of government, sizes of communities and geographic locations to advise EPA on means of partnering with local governments to more effectively and efficiently address environmental concerns and implementation at the local level. Local government officials are the best source of this information. Since smaller jurisdictions often have different needs than larger ones, EPA continues to seek specialized advice about the needs of small towns, as well as from the broader local government community.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

No public meetings were held in FY2018.

21. Remarks

Members are Tier 1 (parent committee members) or Tier 2 (subcommittee members). In some cases, a member may be both Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Designated Federal Officer

Frances Eargle Designated Federal Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Archibald, Norm	06/30/2015	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors, Western Texas Municipal Water Authority, Abilene, TX	Representative Member
Barnes, Kitty	06/30/2015	05/04/2019	Tier 1, Commissioner, Catawba County, Terrell, NC	Representative Member
Branick, Jeff	05/04/2018	05/04/2019	Tier 1, County Judge, Jefferson County, Beaumont, TX	Representative Member
Cope, Robert	12/08/2010	05/04/2019	Tier 1, Commissioner, Planning Commission, City of Salmon, Salmon, ID	Representative Member
Dalmau, Jose	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Mayor, Canovanas, PR	Representative Member
Dixon, Bob	12/08/2010	05/04/2019	Tier 1, Mayor, Greensburg, KS	Representative Member
Fox, Mark	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA), New Town, ND	Representative Member
Freeman-Wilson, Karen	06/30/2015	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Mayor, City of Gary, Gary, IN	Representative Member
Fulton, Brian	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, County Administrator, Jackson County, MS	Representative Member
Gonzalez, Hector	12/08/2010	02/11/2019	Tier 1, Director of Health Department, City of Laredo, Laredo, TX	Representative Member
Hann, Susan	12/08/2010	01/11/2019	Tier 1, Director of Planning, Brevard County School Districts, Melbourne, FL	Representative Member
Kautz, Elizabeth	12/08/2010	05/04/2019	Tier 1, Mayor, Burnsville, MN	Representative Member
Kimbro, Ben	05/04/2018	05/04/2019	Tier 1, City Council, Tulsa, OK	Representative Member
Lessard, Susan	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Town Manager, Bucksport, ME	Representative Member

Lewis, Carvel	05/04/2018	05/04/2019	Tier 1, County Chairman, Georgetown-Quitman Consolidated County Government, Georgetown, GA	Representative Member
Poltak, Ron	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Commissioner, Auburn Planning Commission, NH	Representative Member
Ramirez, Carmen	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Mayor Pro Tem, Oxnard, CA	Representative Member
Reinhardt, Victoria	06/30/2015	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Commissioner, Ramsay County, Saint Paul, MN	Representative Member
Scuse, Michael	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Secretary, Delaware Department of Agriculture, Dover, DE	Representative Member
Shafer, Kevin	11/15/2012	02/11/2019	Tier 1, Executive Director, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Milwaukee, WI	Representative Member
Sloan, Tom	07/16/2016	05/04/2019	Tier 1, State Representative-State of Kansas, Lawrence, KS	Representative Member
Sundberg, Ryan	07/16/2016	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Supervisor, Humboldt County, Eureka, CA	Representative Member
Szabo, Libby	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, County Commissioner, Jefferson County, Golden, CO	Representative Member
Templeton, Jai	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Nashville, TN	Representative Member
Witte, Jeff	06/30/2015	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Secretary, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Las Cruces, NM	Representative Member
Wright, Mervin	05/04/2018	05/04/2019	Tier 1, Environmental Manager, Pyramid Paiute Tribe, Nixon, NV	Representative Member
Yanity, Shawn	06/30/2015	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Chairman, Stillaguamish Tribe, Arlington, WA	Representative Member
Youngblood, William (Bill)	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Tier 1, Executive Director, McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, McCandless, PA	Representative Member
Holter, Brian [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Brownfields Coordinator, Klawock Tribe, AK	Representative Member
Scott, Dennis [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee]	05/04/2018	05/04/2020	Commissioner, Calcasieu Parrish, LA	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 30

Narrative Description

The LGAC generally supports EPA's goals by providing advice relevant and meaningful to inform the Agency on environmental matters affecting local governments. Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with local governments through building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The LGAC provides recommendations to the EPA on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution prevention, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management. The LGAC also communicates with local government officials on sustainable water infrastructure and to assist them in commenting on key agency documents. . In FY2018, the LGAC did not hold any public meetings. The LGAC

had an extensive membership process to solicit and recruit new members and to reappoint members. An extensive membership solicitation process was undertaken to solicit and recruit nominations for new member candidates. There was also a restructuring of the committee structure and its workgroups. The LGAC had three (3) Administrative meetings to orient new members and provide information to new members on committee and FACA procedures. The new Workgroups have been actively meeting, holding four (4) meetings in FY2018. There was a public meeting of the LGAC planned for September 13-14th, 2018 but was cancelled due to threat of Hurricane Florence effects to the Washington, D.C. area and travel and safety concerns for Members' travel. The LGAC Workgroups continue to provide comments on the implementation of EPA regulations at the local level. They are assisting EPA by using tools developed at the national level, and making them more usable and adaptable at the local level. This is particularly true for water infrastructure, management and prevention programs, as well as for solid waste programs by assisting in tools development. The Committee continues to advise the agency on the effects of policy, rules & regulations to local governments and small communities. The LGAC's focus in FY 2018 was to provide the Administrator advice on a Per-poly fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and Waters of the U.S.. The LGAC Water Workgroup held two (2) meetings to gather input from state, local and tribal elected and appointed officials on their Charge to formulate recommendations to the agency on a PFAS Management Plan. The Water Workgroup drafted a PFAS Report with 50 findings and recommendations to be considered at their September 13-14th meeting. The LGAC Revitalizing Communities Workgroup held a workgroup meeting to give input on the LGAC PFAS Charge in regard to groundwater issues and CERCLA. The LGAC Executive Leadership Council held a meeting in preparing executive actions for the LGAC to consider at their business meeting on September 14, 2018.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Improving intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration on cross-cutting environmental issues.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

At this time, it is difficult to estimate a cost savings from advice due to the many intervening variables of agency and stakeholder actions necessary to actually see cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

1,010

Number of Recommendations Comments

LGAC has produced approximately 1010 recommendations since the committee was first established. In FY2018, the LGAC did not put forward any letters of recommendation.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

55%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The agency has responded directly to the committee in writing and through public meetings with the Administrator. The agency response letters are posted on EPA's website. We continue to work with the Agency program offices on past recommendations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

65%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Some documents that the recommendations pertain to are currently under deliberation and/or out for public comment so it is difficult to estimate the extent to which recommendations will be implemented. Implementation continues in FY 2018 and beyond.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Yes, EPA responds to all recommendations either in writing or verbally. The EPA Administrator and EPA Senior level officials meet in person with the Committee on a regular basis and report back to the Committee on the agency's response to their recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

LGAC is recognized as a multi-media local government resource for consultation and planning. The committee has provided valuable advice on developing a National Drinking Water Plan, Ozone and Phase 2 on Agency efforts to develop a revised Waters of the U.S. rule.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

LGAC work products are available on EPA's website and to the public by request.